

Heckethorn ES Student Cell Phone/Watch Policy

Personal technology and communication devices, such as cellular phones, laptops, tablet computers, or other similar electronic devices are utilized in many ways and have become a crucial component in the educational setting. **At school, it is critical that students only access personal technology and communication devices when allowed.** Clark County School District (CCSD) [Policy 5136: Personal Technology and Communication Devices](#) and the [CCSD Acceptable Use Policy](#), provide guidelines for the appropriate usage of both District and personal electronic devices. Suggestions for using mobile devices [safely](#) are provided by the District.

At all CCSD schools, students are allowed to use personal technology and communication devices during scheduled nutrition or lunch breaks, during all school-sponsored activities, and while on District buses. Per CCSD, Middle Schools and High Schools will be implementing cell phone pouches for all students. Use of cell phone pouches in elementary schools is optional. Heckethorn Elementary will not be implementing cell phone pouches.

However, schools have the autonomy to implement school specific policies that meet the needs of the effectiveness of the instructional day and safety/protection of all students and staff. With the increase of distractions from cell phones and smartwatches, Heckethorn Elementary will be implementing a personal device-free classroom environment. Smartwatches are defined as any watch that allows for two-way communication.

All personal technology and communication devices, specifically cell phones & watches, **ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED BY STUDENTS DURING THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY**. At Heckethorn ES, the instructional day is identified once a student enters onto campus through the gates, from 8:35 AM to 3:10 PM.

K-3 Grade Students:

If a student brings a cell phone or a communication watch to school, it must be turned off and placed in their backpack and/or purse once they enter onto campus and their classroom. All devices must stay in the students' backpacks until they exit the campus. Students are encouraged to express any concerns to their teachers or staff that may require parent contact. Parents will be contacted through the school phone. At dismissal, the device must stay in their backpack and/or purse until they exit the gate or enter the school bus and are considered off campus.

4-5 Grade Students:

If a student brings a cell phone or a communication watch to school, it must be turned off and placed in their backpack and/or purse once they enter the gate and enter onto campus. Once entering the classroom, students are required to turn in their personal devices to their classroom teacher upon entering the classroom. The teachers will secure the devices during the instructional school day. If a personal device is discovered in the possession of a student, it will be confiscated and turned into administration. The device will only be released by administration to the student's parent/guardian. Students will receive their devices from their teachers prior to dismissal. Students are encouraged to express any concerns to their teachers or staff that may require parent contact. Parents will be contacted through the school phone. At dismissal, the device must stay in their backpack and/or purse until they exit the gate or enter the school bus and are considered off campus.

During school hours or during an emergency procedure, students may not use their cell phone, or any electronic device, to call parents for school pick-up for any reason. The school has a clear procedure to contact parents for release/dismissal protocols and they must be followed for accurate accounting and protection of every child.

Students in violation of the policy may receive consequences according to [Clark County School District Pre-Kindergarten–12 Student Code of Conduct](#), and the device will be subject to confiscation. Should there be questions regarding the usage of personal technology and communication devices, please contact the school at 702-799-6690.

Thank you,
Heckethorn Administration